



1995 ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION 61

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1 **Relating to:** requesting the postal service to issue an Uncle Sam stamp.

2 Whereas, “Uncle Sam” is one of the world’s most recognized patriotic symbols
3 of the United States, its energy, freedom and determination; and

4 Whereas, the original Uncle Sam was Sam Wilson (1766–1854), a Troy, New
5 York, meat packer who acquired the moniker when he stamped “U.S.” on pork and
6 beef, inspecting and approving it for troops in the War of 1812; and

7 Whereas, in 1961 a U.S. congressional resolution recognized Uncle Sam Wilson
8 as the namesake of our national symbol; and

9 Whereas, Uncle Sam has never been honored on a U.S. postage stamp, although
10 other nations have honored him and although other less universally known
11 historical Americans have been so honored on U.S. philately since its 1847 inception;
12 and

13 Whereas, the U.S. Postal Service is currently issuing dozens of new postage
14 stamps and postal stationery to reflect the recently changed postal rates; and

15 Whereas, Uncle Sam is at least as deserving of a place in philatelic history as
16 Elvis Presley, Marilyn Monroe, Jefferson Davis, Clara Barton, Betsy Ross, Phoebe
17 Plummer and Bill Pickett; now, therefore, be it

